

Minutes

January 10, 2011

Des Moines, IA

Call to Order

The Iowa Commission on Aging convened in Room 310 of the Ola Babcock Miller Building. Commission Chair, Daniel Ernst, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present

Daniel Ernst, Chair
Nancy Nichols
Linda Larkin
Judy Bevers (1:20 Telephonic Connection)
Ken Petersen (1:37 Telephonic Connection)
Dava James (1:37 Telephonic Connection)
Ralph Wolf (Telephonic Connection)

Members Absent

Sen. Heckroth*
Sen. Johnson*
Rep. Pettengill*
Rep. Thede*

The arrival times of members who entered after roll call are noted.

*Non-voting, Ex-officio members

Others Present: Available on hardcopy. Others connected telephonically: Barb Morrison, Donna Harvey, and Kim Keleher.

Agenda

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Larkin, and a second by Commissioner Nichols to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

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Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Nichols, and a second by Commissioner Larkin to approve the minutes of August 19, 2010 and October 26, 2010. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Welcome new IDA staff members

Joel Wulf, IDA, introduced new staff members Tammy White, Joe Sample, Pat Wyatt, Janny Peterson, and Kim Murphy.

Senior Living Trust Fund (SLTF) Update

SLTF Balance and Projections

Jess Benson, LSA, reviewed the Senior Living Trust Fund (SLTF) balance sheet. The FY 2011 ending balance is projected to be zero. Any money left over will be appropriated to Medicaid. The legislature is aware of the zero ending balance. The 8.5 million appropriated to the IDA will be placed on a list of items that need to be

picked up by another funding source and be part of the budget discussions. See the balance sheet for additional figures.

Services Reports

Dick Harmon, IDA, presented the group with the SLP client/service units report. The report indicates what services and how many units per service were provided through the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and their SLP provider contractors. The unmet needs reports of the Case Management Program for the Frail Elders (CMPFE), and the Senior Living Program (SLP) were presented. These reports indicate the services the network couldn't provide with SLP dollars due to such reasons as lack of staff, no provider, no funding, etc. Mr. Harmon gave an overview of the Iowa National Aging Program Information System (INAPIS) data collection and reporting software used by the area agencies. See the reports for additional information. Discussion was held.

Financial Report

Jeff Batz, IDA, provided the financial report period July – November FY 2011. The report compares fiscal year-to-date (YTD) figures with the prior YTD figures. In a perfect world YTD percentages would be at 42%. Mr. Batz highlighted some of the expenditures line items of the report. Discussion held. See the report for additional details.

Communication Update

Machelle Shaffer, IDA, provided an update of the communication efforts she's working on for the department. Ms. Shaffer reported of the earned media plan, the Ask Ida column, potential of social media, upcoming initiatives, the Mayors for Meals campaign as part of the Meals on Wheels national campaign, and the gifting press release prepared for the holidays. Discussion was held.

Ombudsman Report

Jeanne Yordi, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), provided an update with information on statistics being gathered for their annual report due in January 15. Ms. Yordi stepped through draft code language going to the legislature this upcoming session. See the draft code language for additional information. The last area of Executive Order 24 to be addressed is to complete a plan to fill the LTCO position should Ms. Yordi leave the position. Lastly, she provided an update of the residential care facility task force she sat on. Discussion was held.

Administrative Rules

Adopted and Filed: Chapter 8 – Long-Term Care Resident's Advocate/Ombudsman

No public comment was received for Chapter 8 Notice of Intended Action. The amendments become effective March 16, 2011.

Action: There was a motion by Commissioner Nichols, and a second by Commissioner Larkin to adopt and file Chapter 8 as presented. All members present voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Division Administrator's Report

Joel Wulf, IDA, reported on the budget reduction, area plans, monitoring, administrative rules, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) national meeting, and positions. The department's budget reduction the submitted today was \$267,674. The Area Agencies are working on their FY 2012 Area Plans, and are due to the department April 1. Monitoring for FY 2011, a self assessment, is underway. The department is beginning to

look at administrative rules Chapter 19, Public Records and Fair Information Practices and Chapter 7, Nutrition. The national ADRC meeting is coming up in February where they will focus on defining options counseling and providing guidance on where they see the ADRCs heading. The Department of Administrative Services has approved the request to fill the position vacated by Debi Myers. It now goes to Department of Management for approval. All other positions have been filled. Discussion was held.

Director's Report

Director Foege thanked the Commissioners for the holiday basket they sent to the staff. Mr. Foege reported on his trip to Washington DC, his visits to the Area Agencies, the department's legislative priorities and staff reassignments. The director will take the lead on lobbying the legislature with the assistance of staff. He reported on the updates made to the employee handbook. Aging Resources of Central Iowa has not made a repayment. Avenues continue to be explored in an effort to resolve the issue. The department is working with the Auditor's Office and the Attorney General's Office, and the transition team has been updated on the situation. He thanked the Commission and staff. Discussion was held.

State Profile Tool Update

Steve Eiken, Thomson Reuters, gave a presentation on the State Profile Tool Update. The presentation included an overview of the State Profile Tool, demographic data, utilization and spending data, and expenditures data. IDA contracted with Thomson Reuters to build a profile of Iowa's long-term care delivery system. Mr. Eiken answered questions. Discussion was held.

IDA Performance Results Report

Sue Olson, IDA, reviewed the performance results achieved for FY 2010. See the report for details.

Announcements from the Commission and/or Department Staff

The date of the next Commission meeting will be discussed with the incoming director. The Commission will be notified with a recommended date as soon as possible. Commissioner Larkin prefers it's not held on the first or second Tuesday of the month.

Commissioner Petersen thanked the staff and Ro for an outstanding 2010.

Public Comment

Mark Hanson, Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging, on behalf of the association expressed their admiration of the job well done by Director Foege. They appreciated his interest and willingness to get out in the field and visit with them. He provided service information for the passing of Northwest Aging Director Cynthia Beauman. The i4a looks forward to working with the incoming director, Donna Harvey, and the Commission in the future stating Director Foege's shoes would be hard to fill, but Donna Harvey was an excellent selection.

Mr. Hanson read the following statement: The Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging and its 13 members want to acknowledge House Study Bill 1 that we understand will be introduced into the 2011 Legislature.

Within this piece of legislation, Section 51 directs the Department on Aging to develop a plan for reducing the number of area agencies on aging in the state from 13 to 5. The plan is to be submitted by February 25, 2011 and implementation of the reduction of area agencies in place by July 1, 2011.

The Iowa Area Agencies on Aging would welcome the opportunity to work with the Department on Aging to explore how the aging network can provide even better services to seniors, identify opportunities for greater collaboration and create new strategies to meet the needs of older Iowans while fully supporting tenants of the Older Americans Act.

We do believe that Iowa Code 231.32, Criteria for Designation of Area Agencies on Aging, will make the time frame laid out in HSB 1 nearly impossible to meet. This section says “The commission shall designate thirteen area agencies on aging, the same of which existed on July 1, 1985. The commission shall continue the designation until an area agency on aging’s designation is removed for cause as determined by the commission or until the agency voluntarily withdraws as an area agency on aging.”

In conclusion, the 13 area agencies on aging pledge our support in working with the Commission on Aging, the Department on Aging, the Legislature, and other state entities on this concept and look forward to being an integral part of the conversations.

Barb Morrison, i4a President, stated this is i4a’s initial response to HSB 1. They will make a more formal comprehensive statement, and realize they need to reach out and work with a wide variety of individuals to look at what can be done, what savings may or may not be realized, and the timeframes. It’s an interesting concept and adequate time and attention needs to be given to it as complicated as it might be.

Mr. Hanson talked of the Brookings Report completed in 1933 for the State of Iowa.

John Hale, Iowa Caregivers Association, commented HSB 1 was introduced today, there is a subcommittee meeting tomorrow and goes to full committee on Wednesday, and they say there is a chance it could be voted on Thursday. It’s on an extremely fast track. Mr. Hale thanked Steve Eiken for his presentation and asked him a question. Chart 16 of his presentation listed all the expenditures Iowa has made. In 2009 Iowa paid nursing facilities \$382 million for services. Chart 11 show potential reductions in nursing facility utilization if we met the national or regional average. Could he merge the two charts and tell us how much money would be available for additional uses. Mr. Eiken addressed his question.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Larkin moved, Commissioner Nichols seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM.

Chair

Date

Recording Secretary

Date